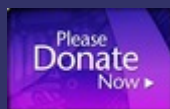




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Public Practice Schedule

Monday

7:00 am Zazen
7:40 am Morning Chanting Service

6:00 pm Zazen
6:40 pm Evening Chanting Service

Tuesday- Friday

6:00 am Zazen
6:40 am Kinhin (walking
meditation)
6:50 am Zazen
7:20 am Chanting Service
7:40 am Soji (brief temple

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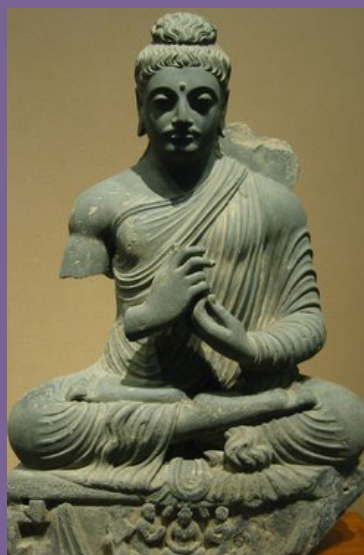
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Sangha e-Newsletter 2014



The Reluctance of the Bodhisattvas

...Then Licchavi Vimalakirti said to Mara:



'Evil Māra since these heavenly maidens
are not suitable for this religious devotee,
a son of the Sākya, give them to me'.

Then Mara was terrified and
distressed, thinking that Licchavi
Vimalakirti had come to expose
him. He tried to to make himself
invisible, but try as he might with
all his magical powers, he could
not vanish from sight. Then a
voice resounded in the sky,
saying

'Evil One, give these heavenly maidens to
the good man Vimalakirti, and only then will you be able to return to your own

cleaning)

6:00 pm Zazen

6:40 pm Chanting Service

Thursdays Study Hour 7:30pm

Saturday

6:30 am Zazen

7:10 am Chanting Service

7:25 am Soji

8:30 am Drop-in instruction

9:25 am Zazen

10:15 am Dharma Talk

11:00 am Refreshments/Social

abode.'

Then Mara was even more frightened and, much against his will, gave the heavenly maidens.

The Licchavi Vimalakirti, having received the goddesses said to them,

'Now that you have been given to me by Māra, you should all conceive the spirit of excelled perfect enlightenment.'

He then exhorted them with discourage suitable for their development toward enlightenment, and soon they conceived the spirit of enlightenment. He then said to them,

'You have just conceived the spirit of enlightenment. From now on, you should devote yourselves to find joy in pleasures of the Dharma, and should take no pleasures in desires.'

They then asked him 'What is "joy in the pleasures of Dharma"?'

He declared, 'It is the joy of unbreakable faith in the Enlightened, of wishing to hear the Dharma, of serving the Sangha and honoring the Spiritual Benefactors without pride. It is the joy of renunciation of the whole world, of not being fixed in objects, of considering the five aggregates to be like murderers, of considering the elements to be like venomous serpents, and of considering the sense-media to be like an empty town. It is the joy of always guarding the spirit of enlightenment, of helping living beings, of sharing through generosity, of not slackening in morality, of control and tolerance in patience, of thorough cultivation of virtue by effort, of total absorption in meditation, and of absence of passions in wisdom. It is the joy of extending enlightenment, of conquering the Māras, of destroying the passions, and of purifying the buddha-field. It is the joy of accumulating all virtues, in order to cultivate the auspicious marks and signs. It is the joy of the liberation of nonintimidation when hearing the profound teaching. It is the joy of being an ornament of the seat of enlightenment, and of not attaining liberation at the wrong time. It is the joy of serving those of equal fortune, of not hating or resenting those of superior fortune, of serving the spiritual benefactors, and of avoiding sinful friends. It is the joy of the superior gladness of faith and devotion to the Dharma. It is the joy of acquiring liberative techniques and of the conscious cultivation of the aids to enlightenment. Thus, the bodhisattva admires and finds joy in the delights of the Dharma.'



HIV Meditation Sitting Group

weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!
Thursdays & Fridays

10:30 am zazen

11:00 am garden socializing

Meditation in Recovery

[The Holy Teaching of Vimalakirti, a Mahayana Scripture](#) Tr. Robert A. F. Thurman



Birthday wishes for Suzuki-Oku-san's 100 birthday, April 2014.

— Photo by Tom Hawkins



Upcoming Events:

Dharma Talks- [Rev. Myō Lahey](#) - May 17,24,31 @10:15am

Guest Speaker Saturdays - June 7 [Konin Cardenas](#), July 19 [Renshin Bunce](#); July 26 [Jamie Howell](#); August 16 [Hobu Beata Chapman](#); August 30 [Mark Lancaster](#); September 13 [Jisan Tova Green](#); October 11 [Laura Burges](#); December 27 [Mark Lancaster](#)

(Men & Women)
weekly meditation group for men &
women in recovery from addiction

Fridays, 7:30 pm - 9 pm

**Women's Meditation in
Recovery**

(Women only)
monthly meditation group for
women in recovery from addiction.

First Thurs, 7:15 pm -8:45 pm

Full Moon Ceremony - Saturday, June 14 @ 11am - the Full Strawberry or Rose Moon. This is also Flag day!

Sangha Council - TBD

Founder's Memorial - Issan's Memorial is generally on the 6th of the month, & the memorial for Philip Whalen is generally on the 26th @ 6:40pm

Study Hour - Book of Serenity, we have books to share, we read together, feel free to drop-in - Thursdays @7:30pm

Next Board of Directors' Meeting - Second Wednesdays of the month May 14th @7:30pm You're welcome to attend & observe.

Hartford Street Sangha practice week at Tassajara - July 8th through the 11th, 2014. The male available rooms are all filled, we have 2 spots left for female attendees.

Winter Study Period - (similar to a practice period) is planned to kick off around Sejiki (Late October) and run through Rohatsu and the Winter Light 5 day retreat (Early December).

Hartford Street Zendo Closure - Monday, May 26, 2014

Words From Our Abbot: Rev Myō Lahey

If zazen is of the sort that we think starts and stops with the sound of a bell, or the passage of the hands of a clock, then that's not zazen in its true sense. Zazen in its true sense is simply the embodiment, in this posture, of the suchness of things as they are. This is a very very basic, very important teaching.

HSCZ talk July 10, 2004



Bodhisattva news:

Paul Lee will be participating in the AIDS Walk 2014 with Team Maitri-Donations welcome and appreciated by [visiting here](#).

Hartford History - HSZC Newsletter Sept. 1999:

HSZC-What is it?

by David Prowler

What is Hartford Street Zen Center? We each may have different ideas: A place to sit zazen early in the morning or evening. A community center. A club house. A Gay and Lesbian Zen temple. A temple serving the Castro neighborhood or one for everyone everywhere. A neighborhood Zen temple. A lecture hall. A place to take classes. A place to visit every once in a while, regularly or not at all.

At one time it was a working-class house in a working-class neighborhood, where generations were born, grew up, had families, and



died.

In the 1970's; it was a Tibetan Buddhist center in the tradition of Trungpa Rinpoche; then it became a Zen Center in 1981 under Issan's spiritual leadership. Issan founded Maitri Hospice, which served over 200 men and women with AIDS - who lived and died there.

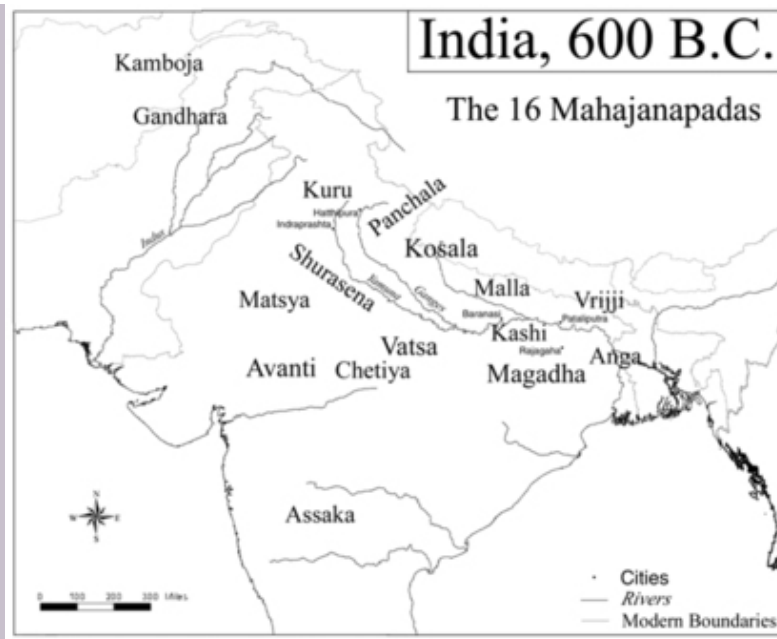
Speakers from many traditions have shared their practice with us-Allen Ginsberg, Ram Dass, Brother David, Patti Smith to mention a few, and of course our resident teacher Zenshin Philip Whalen, beat poet and Zen master. So what do you want Hartford Street Zen Center to be? What is the most authentic form for a neighborhood Zen Center on Hartford Street in San Francisco, California in the year 2000? How can we best use our temple as a place to wake up and to help other people to wake up? It doesn't exist in a vacuum - it's us (meaning you too). Let us know what Hartford Street Zen Center is to you and what you want it to be. Write the newsletter a letter, or send us an email... Best of all, come to the members meeting on.... And let's keep asking - what is it?

Other Holidays or Events:

[Vesak](#) - Wed, May 14 (holy day observed traditionally by Buddhists in Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tibet, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and the South East Asian countries of Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Indonesia - commemorates the birth, enlightenment (nirvāna), and death (Parinirvāna) of Gautama Buddha)

[Bike to Work Day](#) - Fri, May 16

[Memorial Day](#) - Mon, May 26



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